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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

VALERIE GEORGE, as Administrator and Personal Representative of THE ESTATE OF RYAN GEORGE; VALERIE GEORGE) and TAJMAH BEAUCHAMP, as Legal Representatives for Jaida George and Ryan George, Jr.; VALERIE GEORGE,) Individually; DONALD GEORGE; and) TAJMAH BEAUCHAMP, Individually,)

CASE NO.: 3:08-cv-02675-EDL

**(PROPOSED) ORDER GRANTING
DEFENDANTS' REQUEST FOR LEAD
TRIAL COUNSEL TO BE EXCUSED FROM
APPEARING AT INITIAL CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

[Civil Local Rules, Rule 16-10(a)]

Date: December 16, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courtroom E, 15th Floor
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Before: Hon. Elizabeth D. Laporte

SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT; BILL COGBILL;)
COUNTY OF SONOMA; CALIFORNIA)
FORENSIC MEDICAL GROUP, INC;)
JAMES LUDERS, M.D.; MICHAEL E.)
DAGEY, R.N.; SUTTER HEALTH;)
SUTTER MEDICAL CENTER OF SANTA)
ROSA; EDWARD W. HARD, M.D.();
RICHARD FLINDERS, M.D.; JOSEPH N.)
MATEL, M.D.; NORICK JANIAN, M.D.();
and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive,)

Date: December 16, 2008

Plaintiffs.

V.

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Defendants.

Pursuant to Civil Local Rules, Rule 16-10(a), Defendants SUTTER HEALTH and SUTTER MEDICAL CENTER OF SANTA ROSA respectfully request their lead trial counsel, Barry Vogel,

1 to be excused from attending the Initial Case Management Conference due to a calendar conflict,
2 and to have defense counsel, Larry Thornton, personally appear at the Initial Case Management
3 Conference in the place and stead of Mr. Vogel. Mr. Thornton is extensively familiar with this
4 case and has done almost all of the discovery and investigation in this case to date. Mr. Vogel has
5 conflicting matters in other cases that he is more extensively involved in.

6 **(PROPOSED) ORDER**

7 **THE REQUEST IS GRANTED.**

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9 Dated: December 12, 2008



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